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Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 15 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A suturable adhesion-preventing membrane for guided tissue regeneration comprising at least one non-woven fabric layer made of collagen fibers and at least one sponge layer made of collagen, characterized in that a surface of the membrane is provided with a coating layer of gelatin or hyaluronic acid.

15. (Amended) A suturable adhesion-preventing membrane for guided tissue regeneration comprising: a compressed non-woven fabric layer composed of cross-linked collagen fibers wherein the layer has fibers having a fiber diameter of 20 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , a bulk density of  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $2.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and a thickness of 0.2mm to 1.0 mm; and a coating layer containing gelatin or hyaluronic acid covering each surface of the compressed collagen non-woven fabric